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**Subject:** Re: Follow up to RE: Media inquiry re governor's position on gas pipeline

Can you respond from govpress and tell him I'll get back? I'm getting a bounce back forwarding to him

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On Jul 21, 2017, at 2:36 PM, Cole, Samantha <[Samantha.Cole@nc.gov](mailto:Samantha.Cole@nc.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Day, Jim [<mailto:Jim.Day@ihsmarkit.com>]  
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**Subject:** Follow up to RE: Media inquiry re governor's position on gas pipeline

Hi Ford,

I haven't heard back from Gov. Cooper's office on these questions yet, just reaching out again to see if I could get some insight on your perspective. I did see some video footage from the offshore drilling event the other day in which the governor said he expected to make some sort of announcement within the coming days, but not sure what issues specifically he was referring to.

Again, I hope to hear from you. Final deadline 4:30 pm EDT today.

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**From:** Day, Jim  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 11:59 AM  
**To:** Ford Porter ([govpress@nc.gov](mailto:govpress@nc.gov))  
**Subject:** Media inquiry re governor's position on gas pipeline

Hi Ford,

I'm writing an article for today's IHS The Energy Daily on FERC's environmental review of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, and I wanted to run a couple questions by you on Gov. Cooper's position on the pipeline.

First, does the governor have a general view of support or concerns about the project? If so, can you send me any document or link where he articulates his views?

Has the environmental regulator in his administration started any process to conduct the Clean Water Act Section 401 certification of the pipeline's potential impact on water quality? If so, could you or a colleague at DEQ provide any information about the extent of that review?

Similarly, has the governor stated whether he believes he has authority to block or slow a pipeline project by denial of a Section 401 certification (as environmental groups have urged governors to do)?

Thanks for any input on this issue from Gov. Cooper's office. Writing today, deadline 4:30 pm EDT.  
Hope to hear from you.

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